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Yarborough Asks Overt Aid For International Programs

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WASHINGTON — Sen. Ralph Yarborough Monday introduced a bill to establish open federal support for international health, education, labor and welfare programs.

The bill was prompted by recent disclosures that the Central Intelligence Agency has been providing funds for such overseas activities without public knowledge.

Yarborough's bill, carrying the names of six other senators as co-sponsors, would appropriate $100 million for the first five years of operation.

"Many international projects carried out by individual Americans and by private American organizations have now become suspect or have lost their effectiveness because links with the CIA have been revealed," Yarborough said in introducing the bill.

"BUT THERE is a whole host of activities being carried on abroad by private individuals and by non-profit non-governmental organizations in health, education, labor and other areas of endeavor related to the welfare of people, which are doing an immense amount of good and which deserve to be given public financial assistance."

Yarborough said these programs should be continued.

The Texas Democrat's bill would establish an international health, education and labor council of 11 members which would advise a program director with executive authority to run the new project.

The director would be appointed by the President with the consent of the Senate.

The director would make grants to private, nonprofit organizations; to public or private nonprofit educational institutions, and to individuals not employed by the government.

THE GRANTS would be made to enable individuals and organizations to "assist, provide or participate in international activities, conferences, meetings and seminars in the fields of health, education, labor and other welfare fields," Yarborough said.

The bill contains a specific prohibition against requiring beneficiaries of the program to gather intelligence information.

of the bill is to provide open financial support for Americans to participate in activities designed:

—"To promote a better knowledge of the United States among the peoples of the world;

—"To increase friendship and understanding among the peoples of the world;

—"And to strengthen the capacity of the other peoples of the world to develop and maintain free, independent societies in their own nations."

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